



NATIVE AMERICAN CODE OFFICIALS

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Greeting to all from the Native American Code Officials,

In 2024 a new era for membership chapters was unveiled at the International Code Council (ICC) annual business meeting. A new category for membership that opened the doors to Native American nations across the country from Alaska, Hawaii, and California to Maine. A pivotal mark in engaging 574 government jurisdictions while acknowledging the inherent sovereignty of those 574 federally recognized tribes in the United States. A groundbreaking step that the Native American Code Officials (NACO) chapter of the ICC would like to acknowledge. ICC was established in 1994, and 30 years later after over a quarter of a century, the native voice, the indigenous voice is acknowledged.

This pivotal moment was not accomplished by one but many. Director Applegate has been an ally working on this initiative, turned chapter for over 5 years. Throughout those years of development Director Applegate showed diplomacy by listening and hearing the voices of tribal nations, while treating all with dignity and respect. Challenging as it may have been, Director Applegate always displayed composure and confidence in the ability to navigate the challenges as they arose. From NACO's inception as a new chapter within the ICC family, Director Applegate has shared his network with us so that we may grow and mature efficiently. With his advocacy and desire to create a sense of community within ICC chapters. Director Applegate has key knowledge and proved experience in chapter development and has ability to create a sense of community among the membership.

Director Applegate never took credit or in any way sought to steer the light of recognition upon himself. Director Applegate has continuously demonstrated selfless service to others and devotion to advocacy of all jurisdictions – large or small, urban, rural or tribal and regardless of socio-economic demographics; it is for these traits that NACO is proud to offer its full endorsement of Director Jack Applegate for re-election to the ICC Board of Directors

President

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